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## Donor # 4569

### Interview Notes

Donor 4569 is a young handsome individual that is loving life here in the Bay Area. He came to our interview wearing fitted faded black Levis jeans, a heather grey t- shirt under an unbuttoned green and brown checkered long sleeve shirt, and loosely tied brown skate shoes. He was wearing a loosely knit cap that sat on top of his wildly curly, rich dark brown hair that would make anyone who wants curly hair envious (similar to actor Darren Criss with long hair). This donor's overall style looked like a "put-together skater-dude." He has flawless creamy skin and all of his facial features are well-proportioned. This donor has been told he looks like actor Johnny Depp; however, I would not jump to that comparison.

Donor 4569 spent all of his life in a small suburb in California and it is clear that he has a small-town shell that he is trying to break through. He told me that he absolutely loves the Bay Area because of the *weather, the awesome people, and all of the energy and possibility*. This donor is extremely passionate about music and much of his everyday life centers around it. He has formally taken lessons for guitar and is self-taught on the banjo, ukulele, bass (electric and standing), piano, and the drums. Though he enjoys playing a 6 or a 12 string acoustic guitar, he prefers the electric guitar and plays one for his band; he has described his genre to be a *fusion between Jazz and Rock 'n' Roll*. He is currently working on releasing his second album, and is constantly practicing and having jam sessions with his friends and roommates.

On the rare occasion when the donor isn't playing his music or busy with work and school, he likes to explore different hiking trails in the Bay Area. Back at home he prefers to backpack, stating that *there is nothing better than going off for 5 days and just surviving in the wilderness with what you packed on your back*. Donor 4569 has a strong urge to travel the world. He has only left the state of California once when he went on tour of the West Coast with his band. He hopes to one day visit Budapest, Italy, Armenia, Africa, and the East Coast. When asked where he would travel if he could jump on a plane after the interview, he answered, *Prague*.

Donor 4569 is currently taking General Education classes trying to figure out what he wants to do. He said he is leaning towards social work because he *enjoys talking to people and helping them*. When I asked if he would consider going into science (according to his narrative he was always successful in his biology classes) he responded that he has not ruled that out completely, and if he did choose a science path, he would most likely *choose something like Ecology to help improve the state the earth is in*.

Donor 4569 is relatively close to his family. He makes an effort to talk with his parents on a regular basis through phone calls and Facebook messages to keep them updated on his most current endeavors. Although his half sisters are 9 and 17 years older, he has a tight relationship with both of them. His oldest sister was in college by the time he could remember living with her; however she and her husband are extremely involved in music and have written and recorded music with the donor. His other half sister was an influential person in his life and enthusiastically took it upon herself to assume the *teacher role*. According to the donor she *helped potty train him, taught him his colors and the alphabet, and set up a classroom where there were rewards and punishments for good and bad behavior*.

Overall donor 4569 was a nice earnest guy. I found most of our conversation reverted back to his music and it was a little difficult to get him to open up on his other interests. This donor has a lot to learn and I have no doubt that his adventurous side will lead him to self-discovery and immense personal growth. I am interested to see where this donor is in 10 years because I am sure it will be an exciting place.